House has not been taken up by the honourable members wasting, or rather bestowing their eloquence, on culverts and small bridges, shows that this committee has thought fit to conciliate or placate the public as far as possible in the work of distributing the public funds on an equitable basis so as to serve every taluk.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Does the member know that touring work was done by the members after obtaining Government sanction during the middle of the year and not at the beginning of the year ?

**Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** : I am thankful to my honourable friend Mr. Narayana Aiyar for drawing my attention to the fact that we did not anticipate permission of Government for touring work. In this matter, it was only with the explicit permission of Government the Committee members went on their tours.

**Mr. V. Sankara Menon** : May I know from Government whether the amount for touring has already been paid ?

**Mr. I. C. Chacko** : No Sir.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 5,125 under Demand VII—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage was put and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XV—JAILS.

**Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy** (*Inspector-General of Police and Superintendent, Central Prison*) ; I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 378 under Demand XV—Jails, for the employment of 1 head warder and 10 warders in the Central Prison for a period of three months as a temporary measure. I have six reasons in support of my demand and the amount required therefor is modest being only in three digits. Firstly in connection with fodder cultivation in the Jail Compound a staff is needed. Then there is extra-mural work in the Thozhupurai at Pujappura for which some extra staff is needed. There also we cultivate fodder which is supplied to the dairy farm at Trivandrum. The House will be interested to know that the milk from the farm, a large bulk of it, is being supplied to the General Hospital as well as to the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple. The House will certainly be glad to know that within a month with the available men I had employed we were able to produce 300 lbs. more fodder than was grown before. As the Dewan said the other day and it was repeated today, it is a sin to leave even one inch of ground uncultivated. I have taken steps in right

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(Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy.]

earnest to have every bit of ground grown with some green or other. The jail comprises nearly 69 acres of land under cultivation at present. If you would allow me this small grant, I shall be able to employ some additional men and give you the best results. Thirdly, in order to cope with the expanded industrial activities such as the leather works, the introduction of hand-looms in the weaving section, more staff is required. We want more men to watch the working of these industrial activities. Fourthly, there is rapid increase in the jail population. Today it is something like 874 convicts. As there are more and more convicts, more and more warders are naturally required to look after them. In respect of the watching of blocks all over India, they are watched by warders and not convict warders. Here, I find the blocks being watched by convict warders. That means a thief watching another thief. That is the actual position. That is the reason why there is hanky-panky in the jail. Several things take place unnoticed by others. The other day, one of the congress convicts told me that the convicts get even 'Biriyani' and other rich kinds of food. They are all facts. There is another matter. Women do not live in prison. But convicts have gone with women outside the prison. I want to keep watch over this state of affairs. There is necessity to institute sentry posts to keep watch over the segregation of prisoners in wards outside. It is reported that contraband articles come through main gates and therefore a regular search has to be conducted for preventing their entry. This kind of work in Madras is done by an officer who draws a good pay per month as this is an important item of work. By the search I have instituted, we have found a lot of things. Recently, there was a commotion in the jail when the convicts there were armed with deadly instruments even. At the present stage, I cannot go into that matter since it is *subjudice*. So what I wish to say is that we should have enough men for this watch and ward work in the jail. For all these reasons I request the House to concede this small grant and I assure the tax payers who sent you up here as representatives that they will be only happy to know about the return I propose to give them.

**Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi**: May I know from the Chair whether I can now discuss the propriety or otherwise of appointing the head of the Police Department as an administrative officer of the Central Prison?

**President**: No, not on this matter. The honourable member knows the constitution of the Legislature very well.

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The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 378 under Demand XV—Jails.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XX—AGRICULTURE.

**Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar** (*Director of Agriculture and Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 6,140 under Demand XX—Agriculture. The governing body of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has recently sanctioned 3 schemes to be worked in Travancore. The first of these schemes relates to what is called a "village project." The basic idea underlying a project is to synthesise the results of research into a system of farming on a group of holdings in a village with a view to secure the largest possible financial return to the farmer and at the same time to build up and conserve the fertility of the lands. In this project, adequate attention is paid to both crop husbandry and animal husbandry. The works to be carried out include improvement in tillage methods, introduction of scientific manures, improved strains of seeds and suitable crop rotations, grading up of cattle, increasing grazing facilities, introduction of cottage industries, etc. In short, what is really aimed at in a project is to help the farmer to adopt simultaneously a whole series of improvements and to derive the combined effect of all these measures. The village of Thazhakudi in South Travancore has been selected for this purpose and I am able to announce to this House that the villagers there have promised their full co-operation in regard to this project. This scheme will be of special value to Travancore where the main impediment to the extension of improved and scientific methods of agriculture is the extremely fragmented and uneconomic nature of the cultivator's holdings.

The second scheme relates to milk recording which is closely connected with the scheme of the grading up of cattle in the town of Trivandrum. The honourable members of the House are aware that the only possible way of improving our cattle, is by mating the cows with superior breed of bulls such as the Sindhi Bulls. The cattle here are of a mongrel and non-descript type, out of which it is well nigh impossible to attempt to evolve a definite type by selective breeding. In this scheme the recording of the milk yield of cows systematically is very important.

The third scheme is the extension of the scheme of research on cocoanut diseases. The honourable members will remember that I dilated at considerable length on this problem during the last Budget session. The first stage of the investigation of the disease



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